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DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE.

The efforts to cut away the cancerous growth on the statute books of the State that retards the development and advancement of Mississippi are meeting the approbation and encouragement of thousands of men throughout all parts of the State. Also these same efforts, naturally, are meeting opposition. Opposition is to be expected no matter what may be the matter suggested, and some of those opponents are sincere in their position. To these men The Democrat-Star concedes every right that it claims for itself in being entitled to the position assumed. To belittle or to attempt to brow beat a fellowman simply because he may be in opposition on a given subject is the earmark of a coward, a crook or a fool. There are two sides to every question and The Democrat-Star has squarely planted itself on the side of the State development and advancement. As might have been expected, however, mistaken friends of certain candidates are endeavoring to inject the present agitations for the State development into a political campaign. This is to be regretted, of course, for the effect can be only to weaken the candidate that such action is taken to benefit. Forget politics for a brief hour and turn seriously to the development of the State.—D. S.

OH, YES, THE FARMER IS A JOKE!

The total value of the crops of all sorts of the American farmers this year is nine billion five hundred millions of dollars. The farmers' profit will be two billions dollars, or five-sixths as much as the entire output of all American mines of every description.

During the past ten years the farmers have paid off six billions of dollars of mortgage debts and the farmers, as a class, are the richest people in the country.

The farms of America represent a total valuation three and a half billion dollars greater than that of all the steam and electric railways and all the factories of all sorts.—Memphis Press.

By the returns so far as published the three amendments to the State constitution submitted to the voters carried. While two of the three—the one making the "special" sessions regular, and that so correcting the constitutional verbiage as to admit of an earlier incorporation of adopted amendments in the constitution—were only conveniences they possess value. The other, the change from the appointive to the elective judiciary involves a radical change. To this there was a strong, but minority, opposition on the ground of political prostitution of the judiciary the mix-up of aspirants for judicial honors in the mire of politics. Is this necessarily so? This State had an elective judiciary once, and no member of the bar could have then been elected who demagogued, or played peanut politics for a judgeship. It was the unwritten law for that office, at least, to seek the man. Why may not that law be revived? Anyway, is there less demagoguing and scrambling for judgeships under our appointive system than we may expect in the election by popular vote? To say nothing of the inconsistency of an appointive judiciary in a popular primary election government, our view of these queries has

commanded The Herald's support of the elective judiciary proposition.—Vicksburg Herald.

The news that a white girl only 17 years old has been confined at the Forrest county farm for two months along with negroes and other criminals is shocking in the extreme. It seems that a girl was tried in Hattiesburg and found guilty of vagrancy, and other offences of a criminal nature. She was convicted, sent to the county farm where she has been for two months. The women of Hattiesburg assisted by the mayor, have rebelled over this act of the officers, be it said to their credit, and will raise money to send her to a reformatory home. It does seem that the officers in charge would have thought of this method at first instead of subjecting any female to the humiliation that she naturally must feel. The pity of it all if reports be true, is that she has never had the uplifting environment that she should have had, and in consequence her faculties of real life have been stunted, and for this reason if no other, mercy should have been shown. It is not like Mississippians to be inconsiderate of women, and is there any wonder that there is consternation over the treatment of this young girl?—Columbus Commercial.

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The election of Hooper as Governor of Tennessee over Bob Taylor, democrat, is in no sense a victory for the republican party. It is simply a rebuke to Patterson and Pattersonism in Tennessee, and thousands of votes were cast against Bob Taylor by his life-long personal and political friends because of the issues for which he stood.

THANKSGIVING TOPICS.

Whatever may be the feeling of the average citizen, the country at large certainly has a great deal of cause for thankfulness. It is not plunged in any costly wars, it is enjoying a large measure of business prosperity, most industries are in a condition which enables them to keep a full force busy at satisfactory wages, and the crops are so big that a mere statement of their size in terms of bushels or dollars conveys a very inadequate impression of their value. Standing out large in the totals is the corn crop of 3,000,000,000 bushels—and corn has been selling lately in New York at 60 cents a bushel. For once the axiom that big crops mean low prices does not hold good. It would seem as if the farmer, of all people, had a right to be thankful. And he has, but he would have a still better right if the proceeds of his labors were not so inequitably divided. Too many non-producers take toil until, when the crops reach the consumer, they are marked up to figures which appall the humble wage-earner. The farmer is the most prosperous man in the country today, and the rush of pupils to the agricultural school and colleges proves that many are going to seek on the farms a portion of the prosperity which everyone attributes to the farmer.

THE NOBLE 5,000.

The noble five thousand or whatever the number was of government clerks who went home to vote at the late elections have mostly gotten back to their desks again, and possibly are trying to figure out how much they helped to bring about the general result. Before the elections were held some of them openly rebelled—or at least rebelled sufficiently to send anonymous letters to the newspapers—and asked what advantage would accrue to them from voting, and why they should show party fealty and gratitude when the revision or the salary list seemed to be from the top upward and not for the rank and file at all. This, it must be said, shows a narrow view for patriots who

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earn their living at the public trough. The politicians tried to argue and convince the clerks, and succeeded to some extent, for those who could not well help themselves did go home and cast their ballots. Doubtless they feel that they did their duty and that the powers from whom they expect favors in the future will take cognizance of their self sacrifice.—Extract from Washington Letter, by F. J. Dyer.

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